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SUBJECT: FY 1976 CU ALLOCATION FOR YUGOSLAVIA

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1. SINCE POPOV VISIT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNDER IVP, DEPT CONCURS IN USE OF FUNDS EARMARKED FOR HIS GRANT TO SUPPORT SECOND PARTICIPANT IN IMI PROJECT. ASSUME POST WILL NONE-THELESS PRESS FOR MAXIMUM COST-SHARING BY YUGOSLAVS.

2. DEPT, HOWEVER, QUESTIONS SECOND PARTICIPANT FOR MUSEUM PROJECT WHICH ALREADY HEAVILY BOOKED. WE NOTE THAT SKOPJE MUSEUM DIRECTOR BORIS PETKOVSKI IS SCHEDULED FOR INDIVIDUAL GRANT IN JUNE (SEPTEL). EMBASSY THEREFORE MAY WISH TO DEFER SECOND NOMINEE FOR MULTIREGIONAL PROJECT NEXT YEAR, OR FOR PROJECT FOR FOREIGN SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY MUSEUM PROFESSIONALS WHICH STARTS OCT 9 (STATE 068304).

3. WE ARE PLEASED THAT COMMISSION WILL NEED ONLY DOLS 240,000 FROM FY 76 FUNDS TO COVER ACADEMIC PROGRAM. WE UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL RESERVE AMOUNT ABOVE THAT OR PORTION THEREOF FOR

POSSIBLE ALLOCATION TO CIES AND IIE.

4. REGARDING FUNDS REQUESTED TO PAY RETURN TRAVEL TO U.S. OF ONE DEPENDENT OF EACH PROFESSOR CURRENTLY IN YUGOSLAVIA, POST SHOULD ADVISE COMMISSION THAT NEW PROVISION FOR DEPENDENT TRAVEL APPLIES ONLY FOR FY 1976 AND SUBSEQUENT GRANTEES. SINCE ALL PROFESSORS CURRENTLY IN YUGOSLAVIA ARE ON FY 1975 GRANTS, DEPENDENT TRAVEL IS NOT AUTHORIZED.

5. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING POST COMMENTS FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH AYES AND MACESICH ABOUT BRINGING FSU PROGRAM WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF COMMISSION ACTIVITIES. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE MORE DETAILS ON ASU/SKOPJE EXCHANGE, E.G. SOURCE OF SUPPORT FOR SKOPJE STUDENTS WHILE AT TEMPE. AT THIS POINT WE ARE INCLINED TO LEAN IN DIRECTION OF ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY UNIVERSITIES COMPETE FOR FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO AYES RATHER THAN HAVE SUCH FUNDS EARMARKED FOR SPECIFIC EXCHANGES. KISSINGER

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